

July 17, 2017

**Subject:** April 11, 2017 Strategic Growth Council Meeting Notes

**Reporting Period:** April 2017 – July 2017

**Staff Lead:** Ulisses Arzola

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**Recommended Action:**

Approval of April 11, 2017 Strategic Growth Council Meeting Minutes.



## **Strategic Growth Council April 11, 2017 Draft Meeting Minutes**

### **Council Members and Representatives Present:**

Chair Ken Alex, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR);  
Vice-Chair Bob Fisher, Public Member;  
Manuel Pastor, Public Member;  
Michael Flad, Public Member;\*  
Secretary John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA);  
Secretary Diana Dooley, California Department of Health and Human Services (CHHS);  
Secretary Matthew Rodriguez, California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA);  
Undersecretary Jim Houston, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA);  
Deputy Secretary Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Business, Consumer Services, and Housing (BCSH)  
Deputy Secretary Kate White, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)

\*Of note is the appointment to the council of Michael Flad by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon in March 2017. Council member Flad replaces Gail Goldberg, appointed by former Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins in 2014, whom the SGC thanks for her years of service on the Council.

### **Agenda item #1: Call to Order**

*Ken Alex, OPR*

Chair Alex called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

### **Agenda item #2: Roll Call**

The Council introduced themselves.

### **Agenda item #3: ACTION: Approval of February 9, 2017 Minutes**

Deputy Secretary White approved the February 9, 2017 meeting minutes. Public member Fisher seconded. Motion approved 9-0-1\*.

\*Public Member Flad abstained from the vote.

### **Agenda item #4: Council Members Update**

Deputy Secretary White updated the Council on the passage of [SB-1](#), the transportation funding package.

Secretary Laird updated the Council to include that SB-1 provides \$50-\$60 million dollars a year to the State Parks system.

Chair Alex updated the Council on an appeals court ruling upholding California's Cap-and-Trade Program.

## **Agenda item #5: Executive Director's Report**

*Randall Winston, SGC*

Director's Report: Executive Director Winston updated the council on current SGC activities and gave a communications update as well as an update on Integrated Regional Conservation and Development, Urban Growth and Conservation, Health in All Policies (HiAP), Urban Footprint, and gave a brief legislative report. He also introduced three new staff members at SGC working on the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program: Tabetha Willmon, Rachel Galaraga and Julia Nagle.

The full Executive Director's report can be found [here](#).

Public comment on the Executive Director's Report:  
*W. Glover, Private citizen*

## **Agenda item #6: ACTION: Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**

*Julie Alvis, California Natural Resources Agency*

Secretary Laird made the motion, Undersecretary Houston seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

*The full staff report and presentation can be found [here](#) and [here](#).*

Public comment on the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program:

*Brian Shobe, CalCAN*

*Andrea Mackenzie, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority*

*Christa Cassidy, The Nature Conservancy*

*Virginia Jameson, American Farmland Trust*

*Karen Buhr, CARCD*

## **Agenda item #7: ACTION: Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program Best Practices Pilot**

*Michael McCormick, OPR*

Secretary Dooley made the motion, Undersecretary Houston seconded. Motion passed 9-0-1.\*

\*Public member Flad abstained.

The full Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Best Practices Pilot Program staff report and presentation can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Public comment on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Best Practices Pilot Program:

*Christa Cassidy, The Nature Conservancy*

*Karen Buhr, CARCD*

## **Agenda item #8: DISCUSSION: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program**

*Darwin Moosavi, SGC*

The full staff report and presentation can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Public comment on the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program:

*Erika Rincon, PolicyLink*

*Chuck Mills, Urban ReLeaf/SC4A*

*Rico Mastrodonato, Trust for Public Land*

*Bill Higgins, CALCOG*

*Christa Cassidy, The Nature Conservancy*

*Jared Sanchez, CalBike/SC4A*

*Nur Kausar, Housing California/SC4A*

*Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*

*Alicia Sebastian, CA Coalition for Rural Housing*

## **Agenda item #9: DISCUSSION: Transformative Climate Communities Program**

*TCC Staff*

The full staff report on the Transformative Climate Communities Program and presentation can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Public comment on the Transformative Climate Communities Program:

*Francisco Mendez, Leadership Council*

*Estela, Consejo De Liderazgo*

*Lucio Avila, Centro La Familia*

*Sandra Celedon, Fresno BHC*

*Christopher Finley, Fresno resident*



*Stacy Williams, Fresno BHC*  
*Dyami Hunt, Fresno resident*  
*Ivanka Saunders, CNC*  
*Gary Hunt, CNC*  
*Andy Levine, Faith in the Valley*  
*Grecia Elenes, Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability*  
*City of Ontario Coalition*  
*Rico Mastrodonato, Trust for Public Land*  
*Venise C. Curry, M.D., Communities for A New California Education Fund*  
*Laiseng Saechao, Asian Pacific Environment Network*  
*Raquel Mason, Physicians for Social Responsibility*  
*Lorenzo Gonzalez, Physicians for Social Responsibility*  
*Monika Shankar, Physicians for Social Responsibility*  
*Carolyn Riley, SCOPE*  
*Jessica Medina, SCOPE*  
*Tracey Beltran, SCOPE*  
*Joaquin Meneses, SCOPE*  
*Mayra Vega, SCOPE*  
*Jante' Pruitt, SCOPE*  
*Ben Russak, Liberty Hill Foundation*  
*Max Podemski, Pacoima Beautiful*  
*Yvette Lopez-Ledesma, Pacoima Beautiful*

## **Agenda item #10: General Public Comment**

W. Glover, Private citizen

## **Agenda item #10: Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Alex adjourned the meeting at 4:39 pm.

A full video of the April 11, 2017 Strategic Growth Council meeting can be found [here](#).